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SUBJECT: UN MEMBERSHIP FOR NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM

1. IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM CALLED IN SOVIET CHARGE
VORONTSOV JUNE 3 TO INFORM HIM OF THE USG'S REPLY TO HIS
EARLIER APPROACH TO DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL ON THE
QUESTION OF ADMITTING NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM TO UN
MEMBERSHIP. BUFFUM STATED THAT:

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A. NO RPT NO FINAL ACTION ON THE APPLICATIONS OF NORTH

AND/OR SOUTH VIETNAM FOR UN MEMBERSHIP CAN BE TAKEN BY UN BEFORE SEPTEMBER WHEN THE UNGA CONVENES; THUS THERE IS NO NEED FOR IMMEDIATE SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF PROBLEM;

B. WE ARE UNCLEAR REGARDING HANOI'S INTENTIONS SINCE IT HAS NOT RPT NOT THUS FAR CLARIFIED ITS LONG-STANDING POSITION THAT VIETNAM MUST FIRST BE UNIFIED PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO THE UN;

C. WE ARE ALSO UNCLEAR WHAT THE ATTITUDE OF THE NEW SAIGON AUTHORITIES WILL BE TOWARDS REUNIFICATION AND UN MEMBERSHIP;

D. AS USSR IS AWARE, THE US STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE ROK DESIRE FOR ADMISSION OF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA. IF NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM ARE ADMITTED, THE TWO KOREAS WOULD BE ONLY DIVIDED STATES LEFT OUTSIDE THE UN. THUS, AS WE CONSIDER THIS PROBLEM FURTHER US WISHES TO KNOW, IF IT PERMITTED ADMISSION OF TWO VIETNAMS, WHETHER MOSCOW WOULD SUPPORT ADMISSION OF SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA.

E. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY SOVIET VIEWS ON THE FOREGOING POINTS; WE WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSING THESE QUESTIONS IN NEW YORK WITH OTHER PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

2. IN DISCUSSIONS

WHICH FOLLOWED, VORONTSOV SAID NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM DEFINITELY DESIRED ADMISSION TO UN AS SEPARATE ENTITIES AND CONSULTED SOVIETS ON THIS BASIS. HE ADVANCED PERSONAL VIEW, WHICH HE EXPECTS HIS GOVERNMENT TO CONFIRM AS OFFICIAL VIEW, THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO POSTPONE QUESTION OF UN MEMBERSHIP FOR BOTH KOREAS AND NOT RPT NOT TO LINK IT TO MEMBERSHIP FOR BOTH VIETNAMS.

OMISSION OF TWO GERMANY'S WAS, IN HIS VIEW, PREFERABLE ANALOGY. VORONTSOV NOTED CURRENT STRONG NORTH KOREAN OPPOSITION TO CONCURRENT ADMISSION OF TWO KOREAS, AND SAID THIS IS NOT RPT NOT MATTER FOR SOVIETS TO DECIDE. IF PYONGYANG MAINTAINS ITS PRESENT POSITION OF OPPOSING

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ADMISSION OF TWO KOREAS, "WE WOULD SUPPORT THEM, WHATEVER WE MAY THINK."

3. BUFFUM REPEATED THAT POSSIBLE ADMISSION TO UN OF BOTH VIETNAMS WOULD LEAVE TWO KOREAS AS ONLY DIVIDED STATES OUTSIDE WORLD ORGANIZATION, A FACT WHICH WOULD OBVIOUSLY CLAIM ATTENTION OF WORLD COMMUNITY PARTICULARLY SINCE REPUBLIC OF KOREA STRONGLY DESIRES UN MEMBERSHIP. HE

WONDERED WHETHER SOVIET GOVERNMENT CONTEMPLATED DISCUSSING
MATTER WITH NORTH KOREA.

4. VORONTSOV REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT RPT NOT KNOW
WHETHER SOVIETS PLAN SUCH DISCUSSION. SPEAKING
UNOFFICIALLY, HE SAID NORTH KOREANS ARE A VERY "MOODY"
PEOPLE AND DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH. ONE MINUTE THEY ARE
TALKING AMICABLY WITH THE SOUTH, THE NEXT MINUTE THE TWO
ARE AT EACH OTHER'S THROAT. PERHAPS THE PRC WOULD
UNDERTAKE TO GIVE PYONGYANG ADVICE. OBVIOUSLY THE TWO
VIETNAMS SHOW BY THEIR DESIRE FOR SEPARATE UN ADMISSION
THAT THEY DO NOT RPT NOT AGREE WITH NORTH KOREA'S
POSITION BUT THEY HAVE LITTLE LEVERAGE ON
PYONGYANG.

5. TURNING TO BUFFUM'S POINT ABOUT THE NEED TO CONSULT
OTHER PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL,
VORONTSOV SAID THE SOVIETS WOULD IN DUE COURSE BE DOING
THAT. HE EXPECTED NO OPPOSITION TO THE TWO VIETNAMS FROM
FRANCE, THE UK OR THE PRC. EVERYONE WOULD BE LOOKING TO
SEE WHAT THE US POSITION WOULD BE. HE WONDERED WHETHER
THE US POSITION COULD BE CHARACTERIZED AS ONE OF NO RPT
NO "VIOLENT OPPOSITION" TO ADMISSION OF THE TWO VIETNAMS
PER SE.

6. BUFFUM RESPONDED THAT IT WOULD BE MORE ACCURATE TO
CHARACTERIZE OUR POSITION AS ONE OF WISHING TO STUDY
CAREFULLY THE IMPLICATIONS OF ADMITTING THE TWO VIETNAMS
FOR UN MEMBERSHIP FOR THE SOLE REMAINING DIVIDED STATES,
THE TWO KOREAS. HE REPEATED THAT THERE IS SUFFICIENT
TIME TO STUDY THE MATTER AND ENGAGE IN CONSULTATIONS
WITH OTHER PERMANENT SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRIOR TO
THE 30TH UNGA, AND SAID WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING THE
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SOVIET REPLY TO THE POINTS WE HAVE RAISED.

7. VORONTSOV PROMISED TO CONVEY OUR VIEWS TO HIS
GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY.

8. FOR ADDRESSEES: SEPARATE INSTRUCTIONS WILL FOLLOW
FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHERS. INGERSOLL UNQTE KISSINGER

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